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1. THE POSSIBILITY OF A PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE TO THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY MEETING OF THE WORLD FELLOWSHIP OF BUDDHISTS WAS RAISED IN BANGKOK SEVERAL MONTHS AGO BY AN AMERICAN CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH THE WFB. HIS SOUNDINGS WITH THE THAI LEADERS OF THE ORGANIZATION INDICATE THAT, WHILE A PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE WOULD BE WELCOME, IT WAS NOT NECESSARY AND, CONSIDERING THE COMPOSITION OF THE WFB, THEY WOULD UNDERSTAND IF WE DESIRED NOT TO SEND A MESSAGE THIS YEAR.

2. WITHOUT KNOWING THE SOURCE OF THE RECOMMENDATION THAT A MESSAGE BE SENT, IT IS DIFFICULT FOR US TO DETERMINE WHETHER TO GO AHEAD IN THE LIGHT OF THE SOUNDINGS MENTIONED ABOVE. ON BALANCE, WE BELIEVE THAT A MESSAGE IS NOT REQUIRED BUT THAT IT WOULD BE WELCOMED. IF IT IS DEEMED DESIRABLE FOR DOMESTIC U.S. REASONS, TO FORWARD A PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE, WE BELIEVE THE TEXT PROPOSED REFTEL IS EXCELLENT.
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